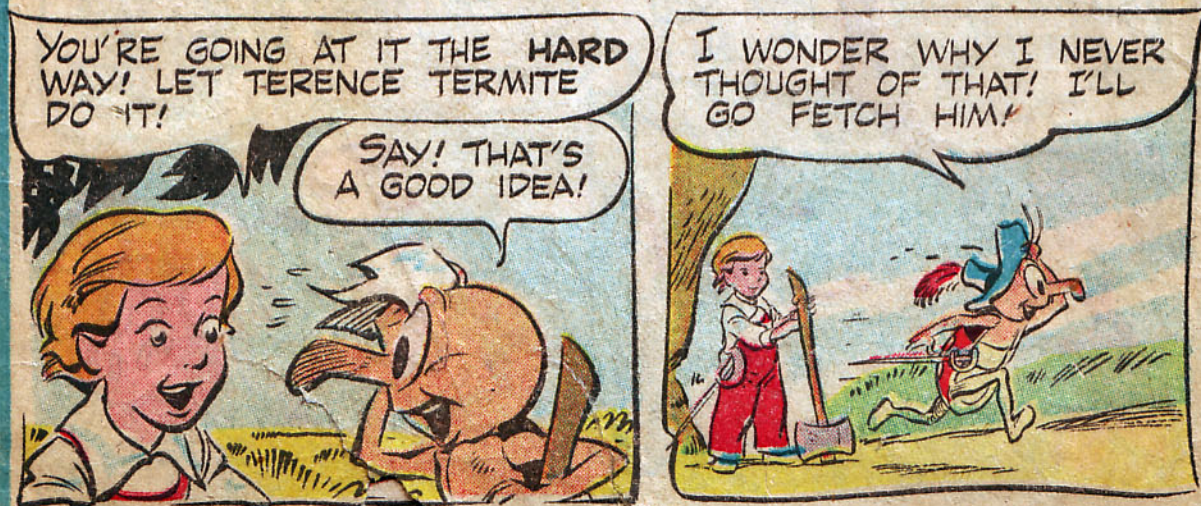
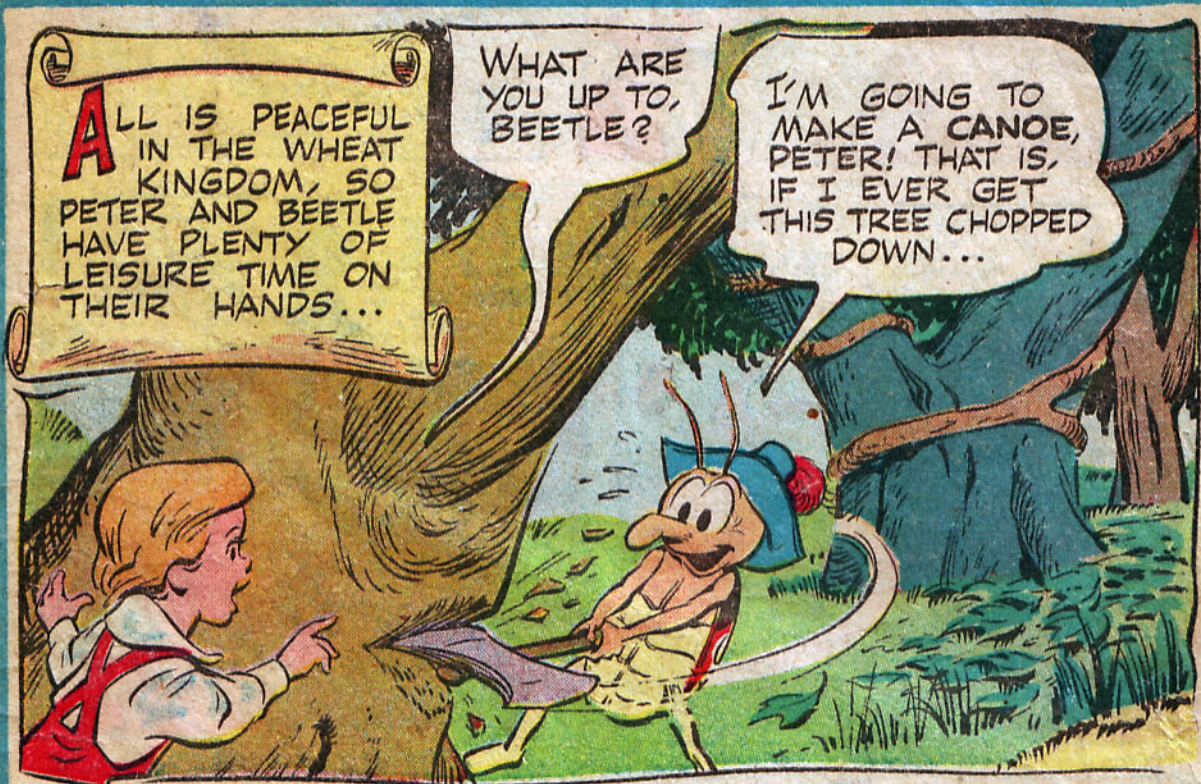




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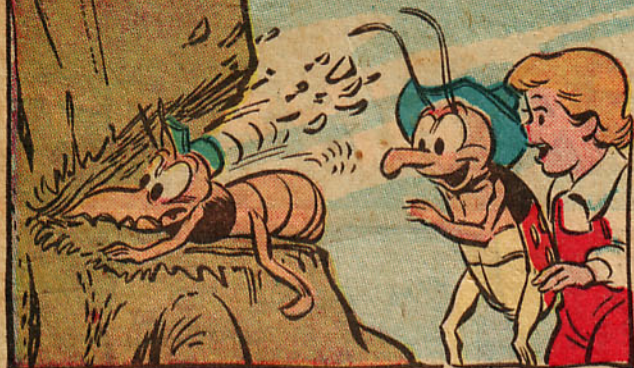




WEB COMIC
UNIVERSE.COM

SHORTLY

WOW! HE CUTS
THROUGH THAT HARD
WOOD EASY AS PIE!

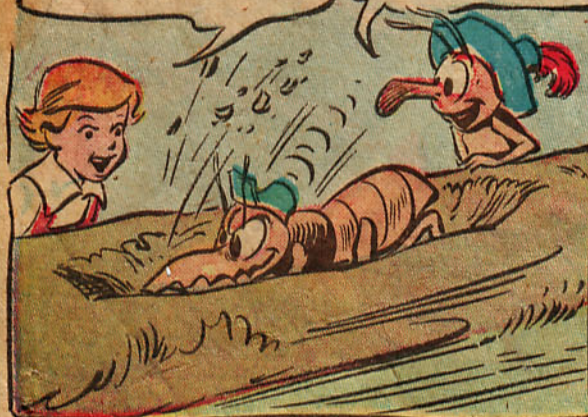


TIMBER-R-R!



WHAT DO YOU
WANT A CANOE
FOR, BEETLE?

FOR
CANOEING,
OF COURSE!



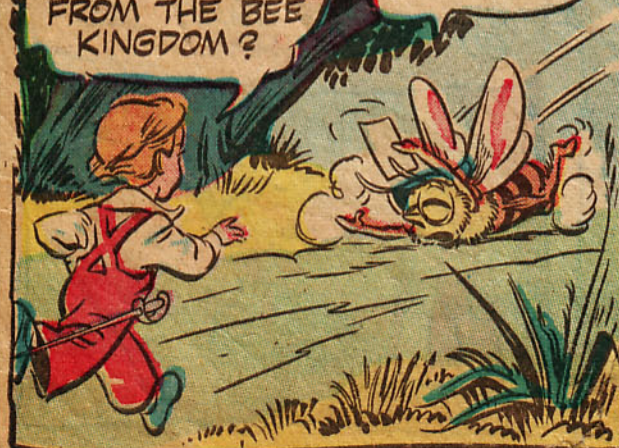
I HATE
TO SEE THAT
LAKE GO TO
WASTE!

PETER!
(GASP!)
PETER...



WHAT'S THIS?
A MESSENGER
FROM THE BEE
KINGDOM?

FOR YOU...
(GASP)...



HE COLLAPSED,
BEETLE! HE'S
DONE IN!

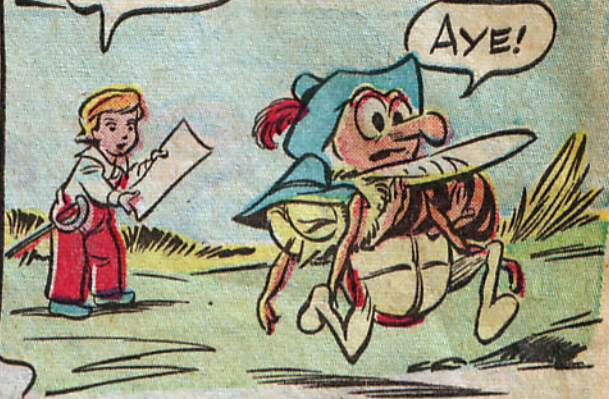
I'LL TAKE
HIM TO
THE TREE
CASTLE!



UH-OH! SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE, BEETLE!



HURRY BACK! WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE FOR THE BEE KINGDOM AT ONCE!



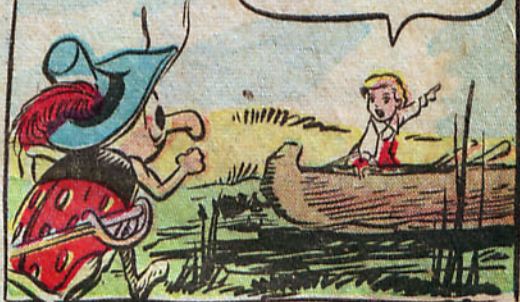
QUICK, TERENCE... FINISH THE CANOE! BEETLE AND I WILL NEED IT TO CROSS THE LAKE!

Aye, PETER! I'M ALMOST FINISHED!



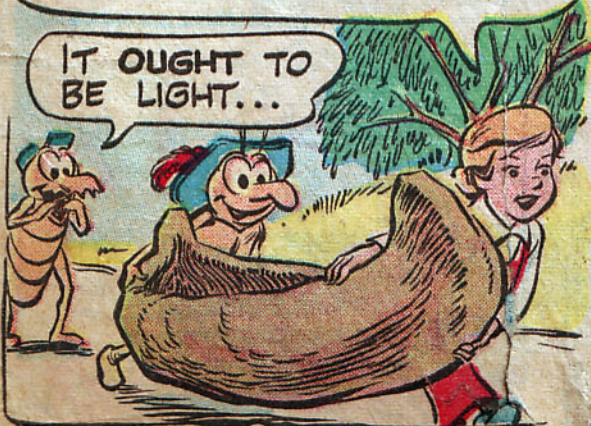
THE BEE MESSENGER WILL BE ALL RIGHT AFTER A LITTLE REST, PETER!

LET'S GO! THE CANOE IS FINISHED!



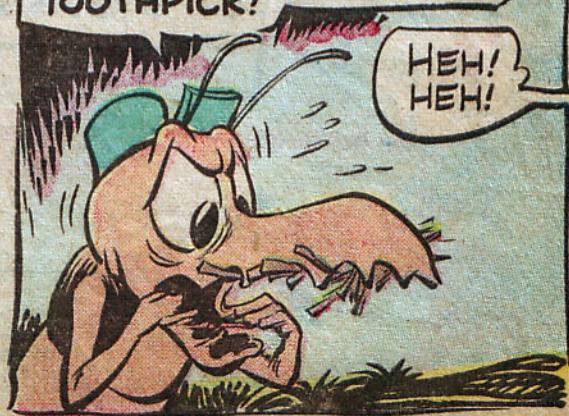
THANKS, TERENCE, YOU DID A GOOD JOB! THIS CANOE IS LIGHT AS A FEATHER NOW!

IT OUGHT TO BE LIGHT...



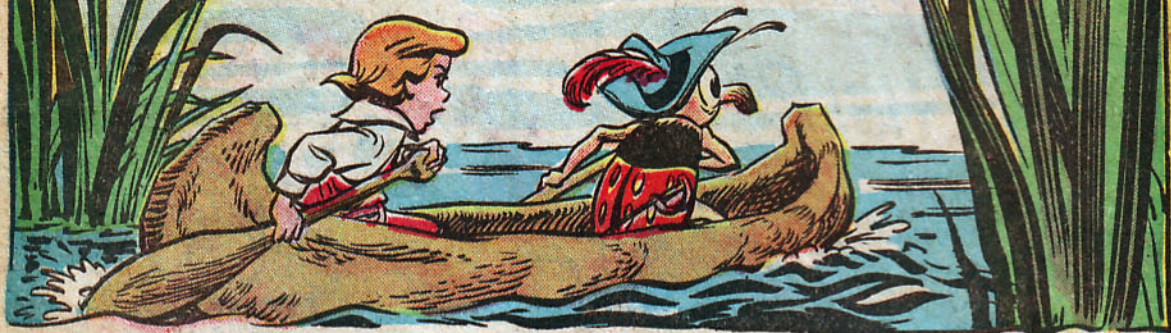
IT FEELS LIKE I'VE GOT ALL THE WOOD STUCK IN MY TEETH! WHAT I NEED NOW IS A TOOTHPICK!

HEH! HEH!

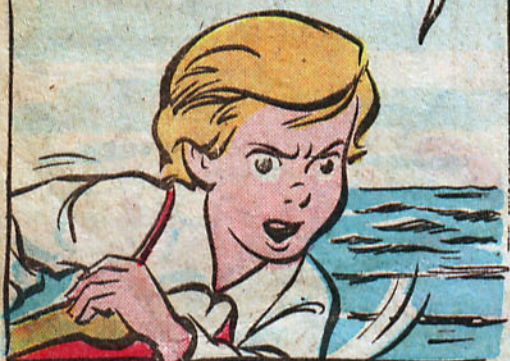


ROW FAST, BEETLE! THAT MESSAGE FROM QUEEN BEATRICE CERTAINLY HAD A FEELING OF URGENCY!

I WONDER WHAT THE TROUBLE COULD BE?

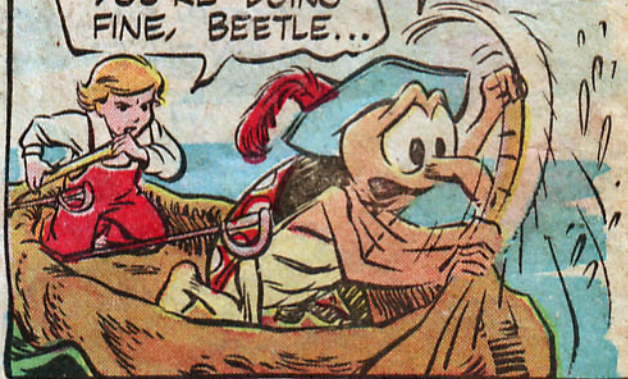


I'M AFRAID WE'LL NEVER FIND OUT AT THIS RATE! WE'RE NOT MAKING ENOUGH SPEED!



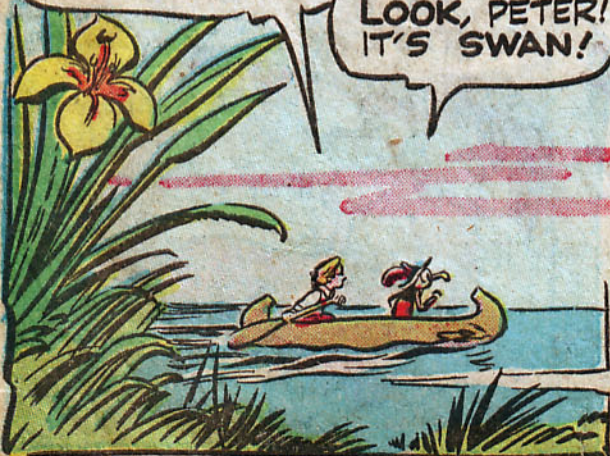
BUT I CAN'T PADDLE ANY FASTER, PETER! I'M GOING LIKE A WINDMILL NOW!

YOU'RE DOING FINE, BEETLE...



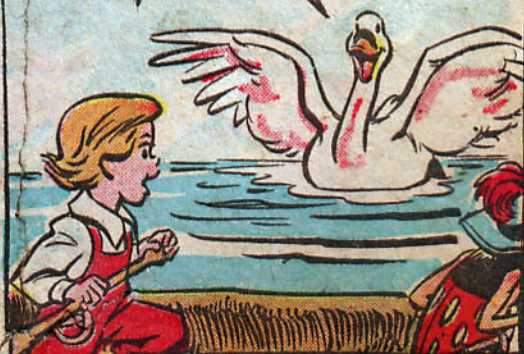
BUT WE STILL NEED MORE SPEED!

LOOK, PETER! IT'S SWAN!



WE'RE IN LUCK!

WHAT'S THE RUSH, PETER?



WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO THE BEE KINGDOM... THEY'RE IN DISTRESS! CAN YOU PULL US, SWAN?

AYE! THAT I CAN!

JUST A SECOND! I'LL DIVE DOWN FOR SOME UNDERWATER VINES TO USE AS A TOW ROPE!

GOOD!

THIS IS MORE LIKE IT, EH, BEETLE?

I'LL SAY...

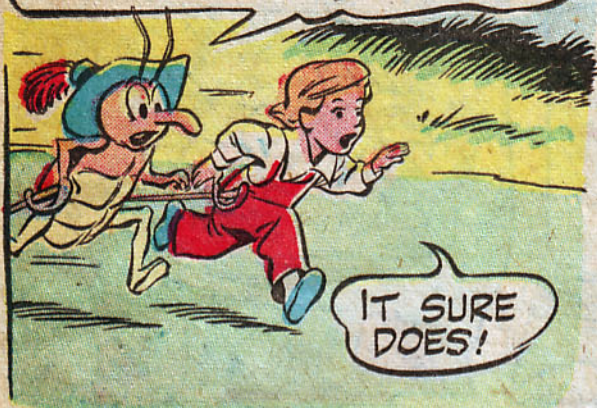
AT THIS RATE WE'LL BE ACROSS THE LAKE BEFORE WE KNOW IT!

SHORTLY! THANKS, SWAN! THAT WAS A BIG HELP!

IF YOU SHOULD NEED ME AGAIN, BOYS... JUST GIVE A YELL!

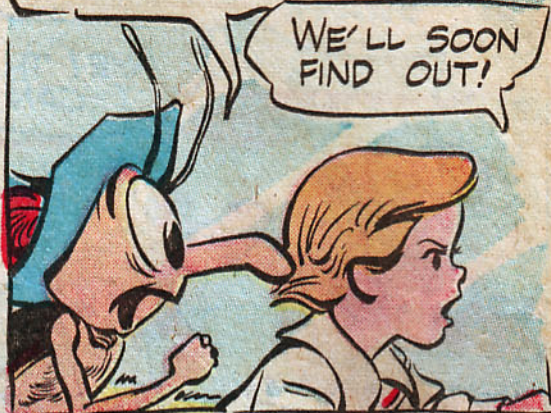
COME ON, BEETLE!

THERE'S THE BEE KINGDOM,
BUT... EVERYTHING SEEMS
TO BE PEACEFUL ENOUGH!



IT SURE
DOES!

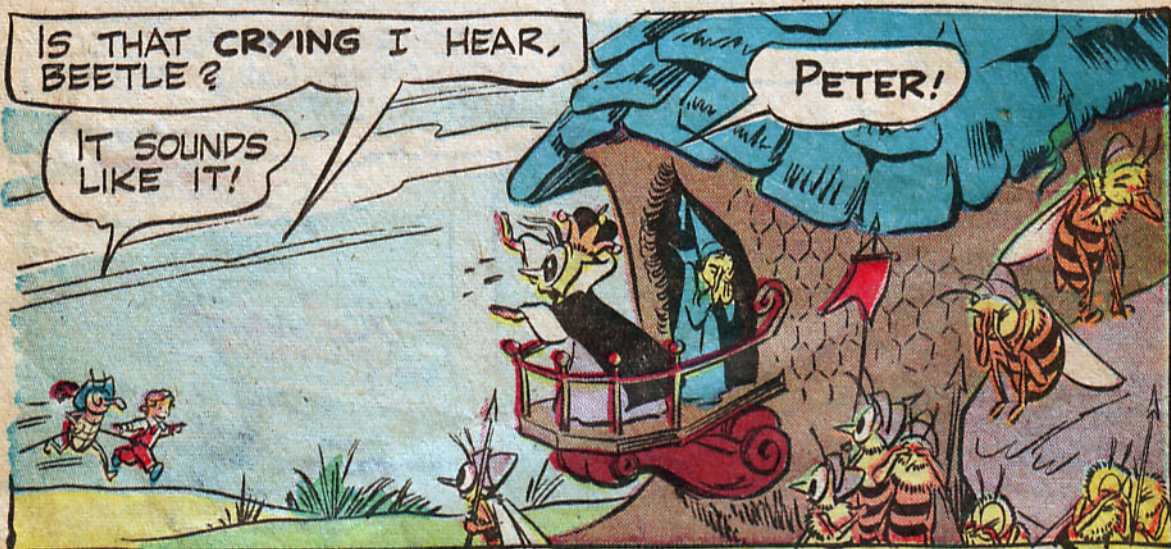
SAY, YOU DON'T SUPPOSE
THIS WAS ALL A FALSE
ALARM, DO YOU?



WE'LL SOON
FIND OUT!

IS THAT CRYING I HEAR,
BEETLE?

IT SOUNDS
LIKE IT!

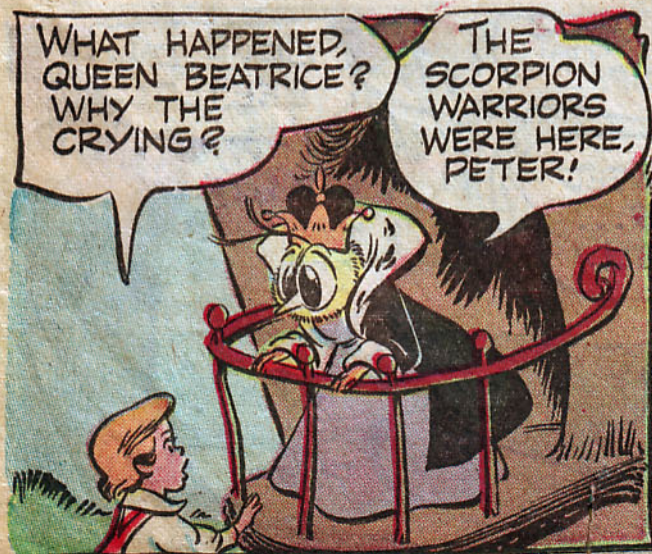


PETER!

WHAT HAPPENED,
QUEEN BEATRICE?
WHY THE
CRYING?

THE
SCORPION
WARRIORS
WERE HERE,
PETER!

THEY CARRIED OFF ALL
OUR BARRELS OF HONEY!
OUR GUARDS WERE NO
MATCH FOR THEM!



SCORPION WARRIORS!
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THEM
BEFORE! WHERE IS THEIR
KINGDOM?

NO ONE
KNOWS...

THEY JUST SEEM TO VANISH
FROM SIGHT! OUR SCOUTS
TRIED TO FOLLOW THEM...
BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS!

HM-M!

BEETLE AND I WILL DO
WHAT WE CAN, QUEEN
BEATRICE! WHICH DIRECTION
DID THE SCORPIONS GO?

THROUGH THE
FOREST...

BUT DO BE CAREFUL! THOSE
SCORPION WARRIORS ARE
VICIOUS! AND WATCH OUT FOR
THEIR RAZOR-SHARP CLAWS!

WE'LL BE
ON GUARD
AT ALL TIMES!

KEEP A CLOSE LOOK OUT,
BEETLE! PERHAPS WE CAN
PICK UP THEIR TRACKS!

IF IT'S ALL
THE SAME
WITH YOU...

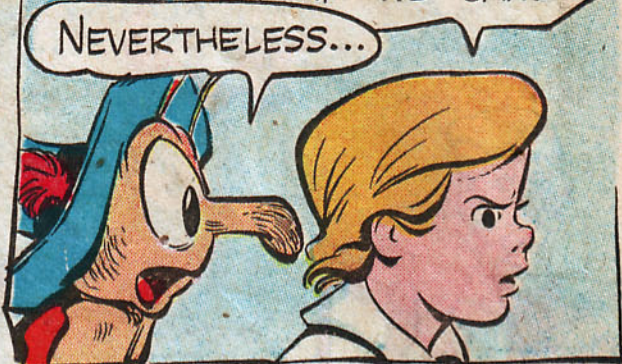
I'D JUST AS SOON PICK UP
AND GET OUT OF HERE!

NONSENSE...

WE CAN'T LET THOSE SCORPIONS GET AWAY WITH AN ILL DEED, OR THEY MAY MAKE A HABIT OF IT!

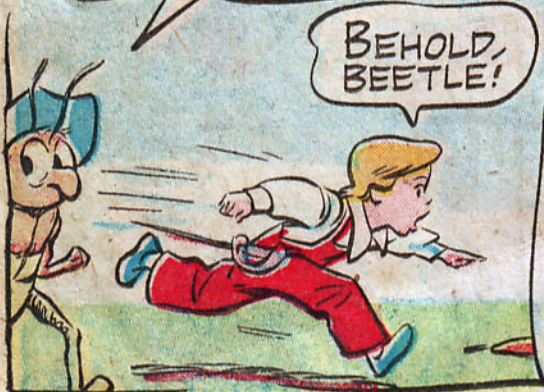


BESIDES, THE BEE FOLK WORKED HARD ALL YEAR TO STORE UP THAT HONEY SUPPLY! WE'VE GOT TO RETURN IT TO THEM, IF WE CAN!



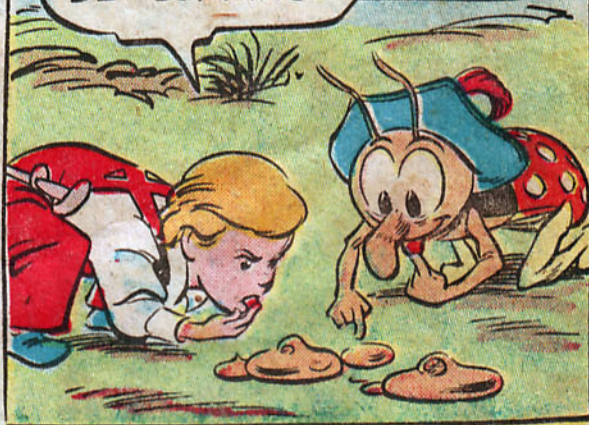
NEVERTHELESS...

I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF TANGLING WITH THOSE RAZOR-SHARP CLAWS!



BEHOLD, BEETLE!

DROPS OF HONEY! ONE OF THE BARRELS MUST BE LEAKING!

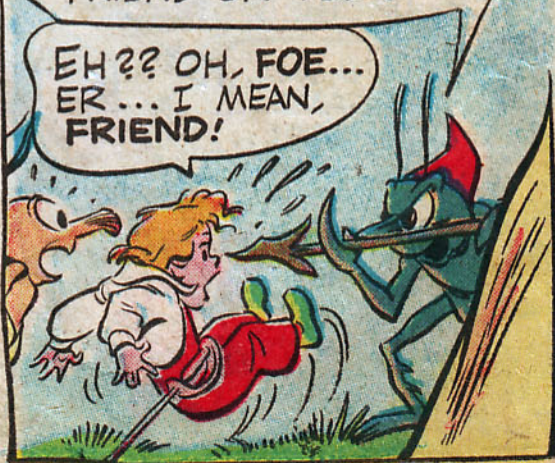


THIS SHOULD LEAD US STRAIGHT TO THEIR KINGDOM!



I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SAY THAT!

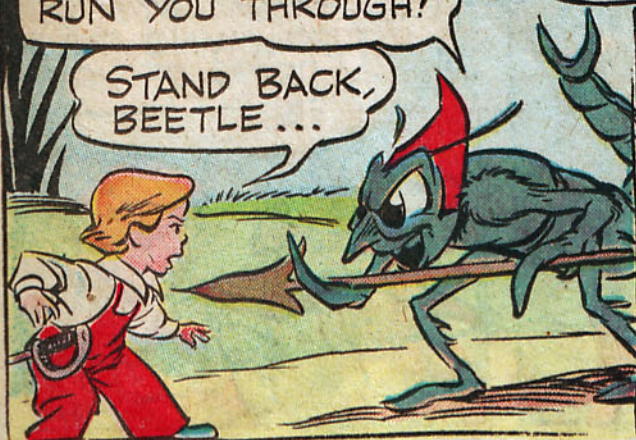
HALT! WHO GOES THERE... FRIEND OR FOE?



EH?? OH, FOE... ER... I MEAN, FRIEND!

GIVE THE SCORPION
PASSWORD OR I'LL
RUN YOU THROUGH!

STAND BACK,
BEETLE ...



I'LL TEST THE STRENGTH
OF THIS WARRIOR!

SO!
YOU ARE
A FOE!

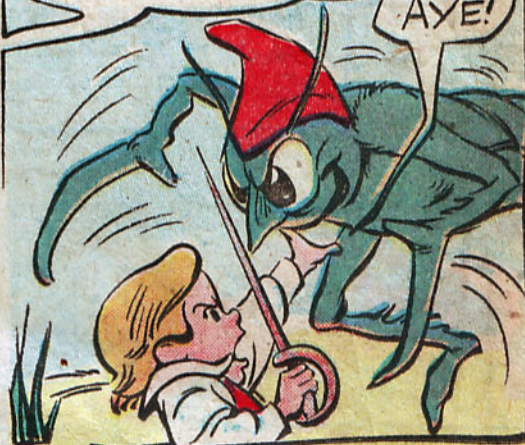


WE'LL SOON KNOW IF IT'S
WISE TO PROCEED ON TO
THEIR KINGDOM!

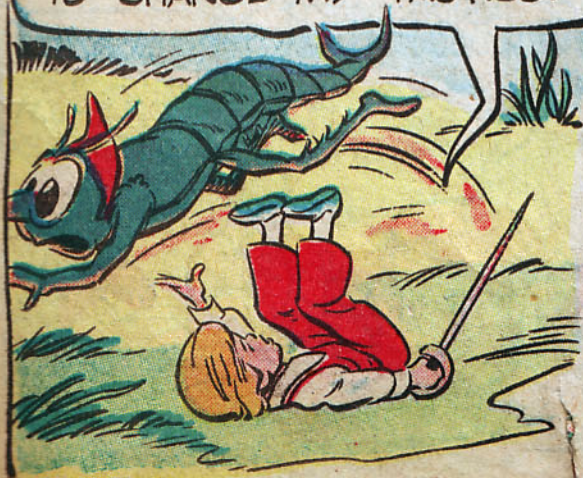


WATCH OUT FOR HIS
CLAWS, PETER!

AYE!

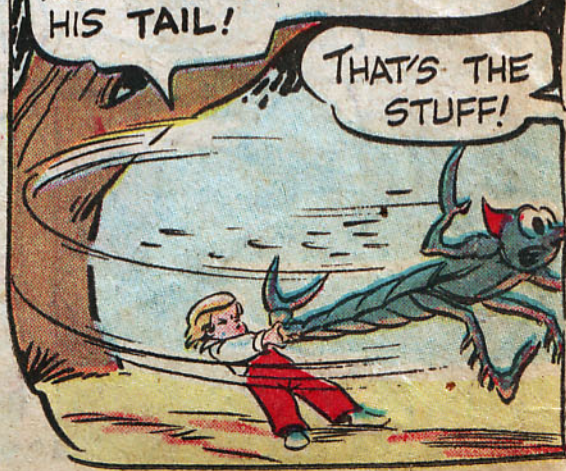


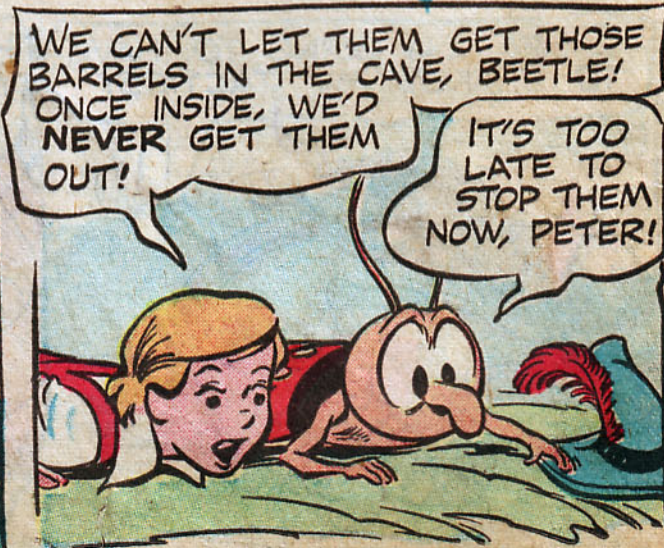
I SEE I'M GOING TO HAVE
TO CHANGE MY TACTICS!



HIS CLAWS CAN'T REACH
ME IF I SWING HIM BY
HIS TAIL!

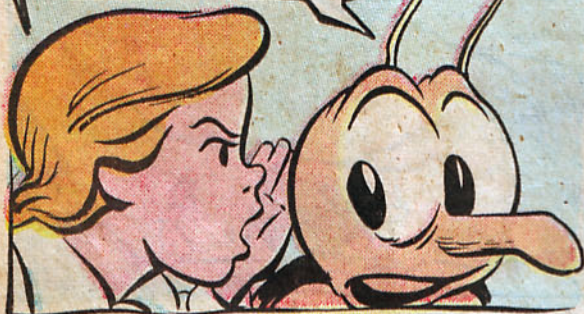
THAT'S THE
STUFF!





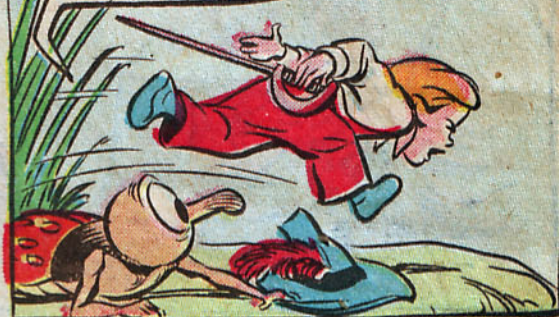
NO, IT ISN'T! HERE'S
WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO...
PSST... MUMBLE ...PSST...!

WHAT?! ARE
YOU KIDDING?



I'M DEPENDING ON YOU,
BEETLE! DON'T LET ME
DOWN!

(GULP!) I'LL DO
MY BEST!

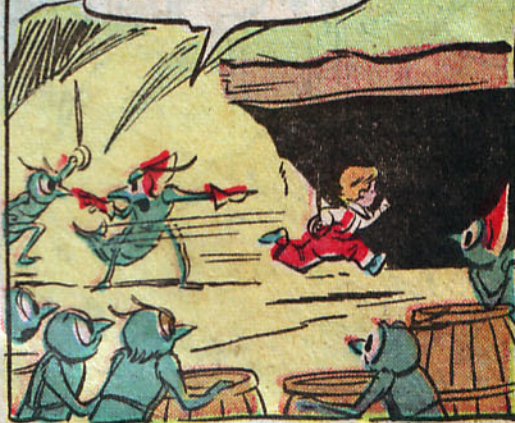


YI-I-I! TAKE HONEY
FROM DEFENSELESS
BEES, WILL YOU?

WHAT...?



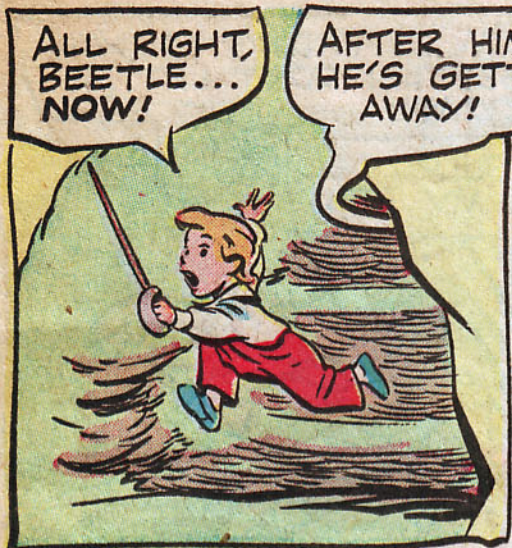
AFTER HIM, MEN! HE'S
ENTERED OUR
KINGDOM!



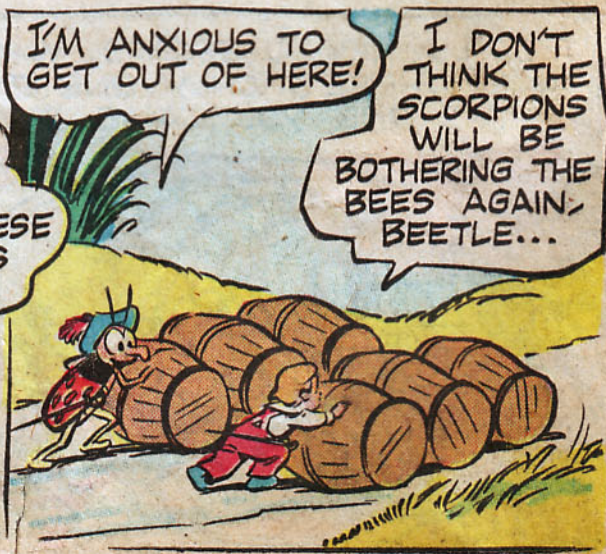
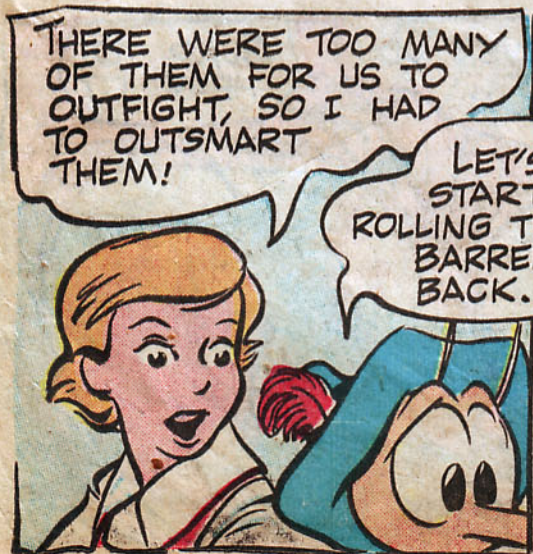
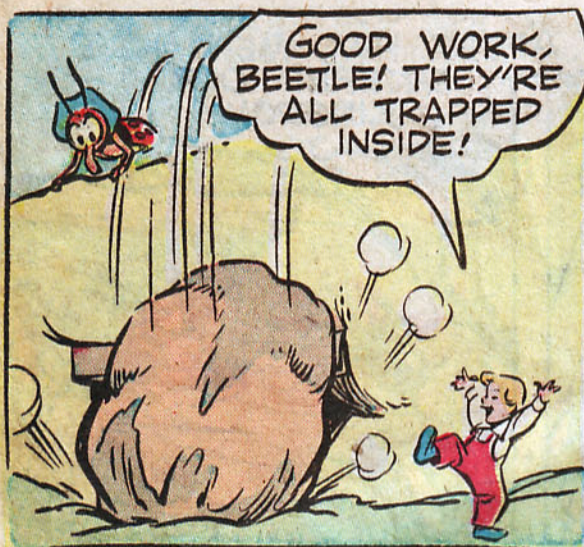
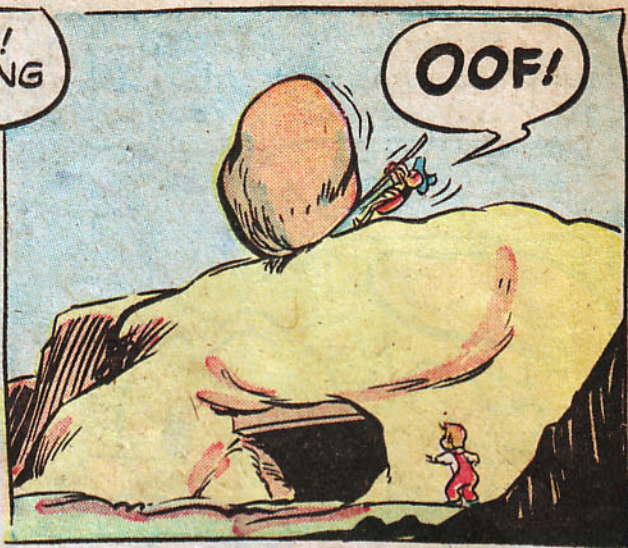
YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE, WHOEVER YOU
ARE! THERE'S ONLY ONE EXIT...
THE ONE YOU CAME IN!

GLAD TO
HEAR IT!





AFTER HIM! HE'S GETTING AWAY!

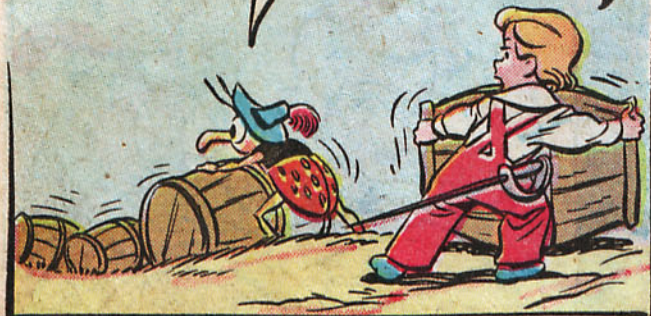


MAYBE
THEY'VE LEARNED
THAT ILL DEEDS
DON'T PAY OFF!

THEY'LL
HAVE PLENTY
OF TIME TO
THINK ABOUT
IT...

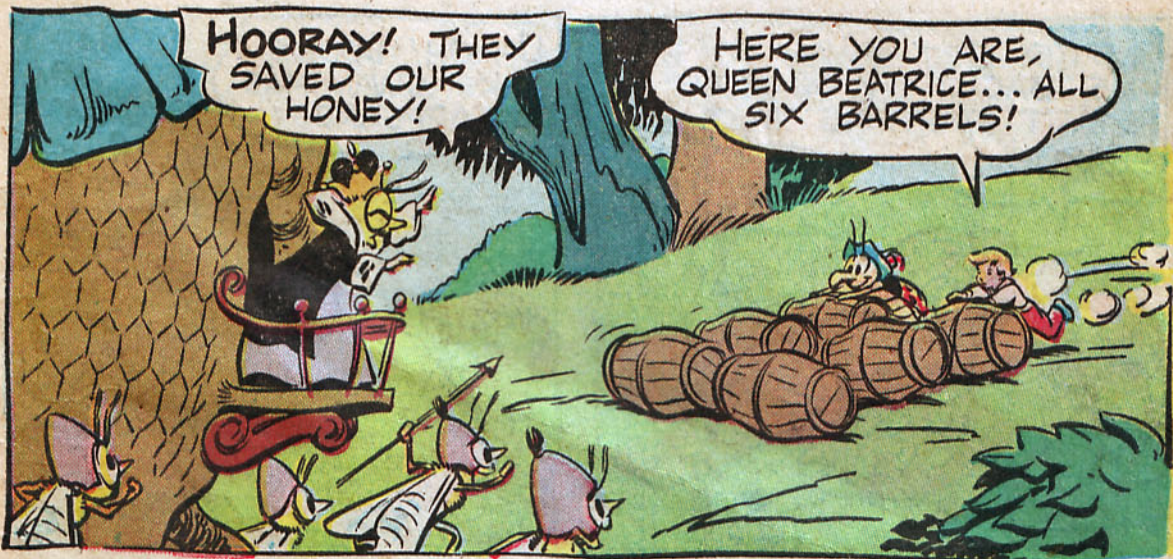
FOR IT'LL BE A LONG
WHILE BEFORE THEY
DIG THEMSELVES OUT
OF THAT HILL!

Aye!



HOORAY! THEY
SAVED OUR
HONEY!

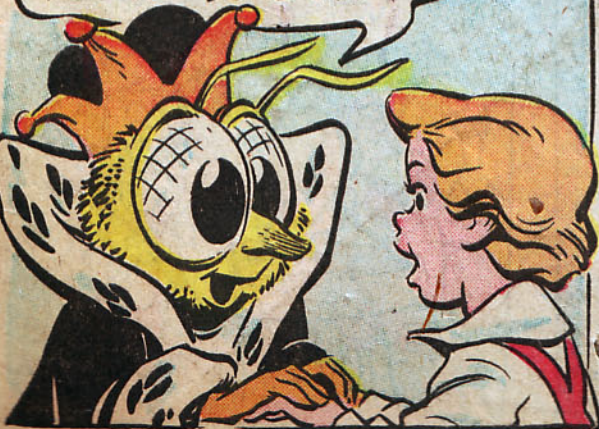
HERE YOU ARE,
QUEEN BEATRICE... ALL
SIX BARRELS!



I CAN NEVER THANK YOU
ENOUGH FOR WHAT
YOU'VE DONE...

BUT I CAN GIVE YOU A
BARREL OF HONEY TO
TAKE BACK TO THE
WHEAT KINGDOM!

THANKS,
QUEEN
BEATRICE...



THE WHEAT FOLK WILL ENJOY
THIS ALL WINTER!

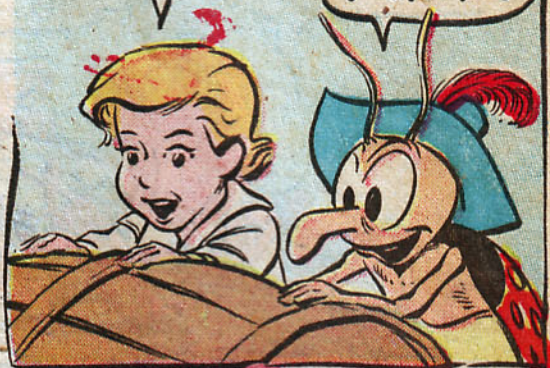
THANKS
AGAIN!

'BYE!



SAMMY SWEET CAN USE
SOME OF THIS TO MAKE
HONEY COOKIES!

YUM-M!



LET'S GET SWAN TO PULL
US BACK! I'M ANXIOUS TO
START EMPTYING THAT
BARREL!

Aye!



UH-OH! LOOKS
LIKE SWAN HAS
DISAPPEARED!

FINE
THING!



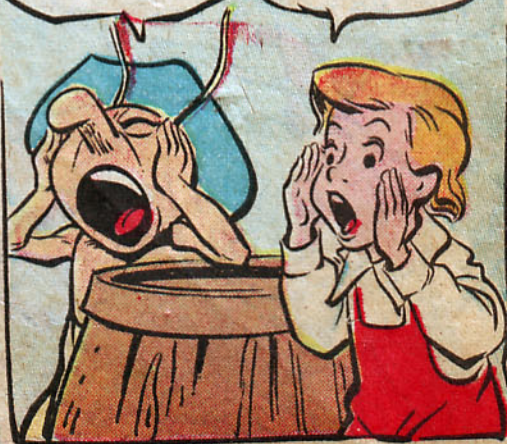
I GUESS THE ONLY THING LEFT
TO DO IS PADDLE BACK!

WAIT! HE SAID TO
YELL IF WE
NEEDED HIM!



SWAN!

SWAN!



NOT A SIGN OF HIM!

START PADDLING,
BEETLE! HE ISN'T
GOING TO SHOW
UP!



YOU JUST CAN'T BELIEVE A
THING THOSE SWANS SAY!



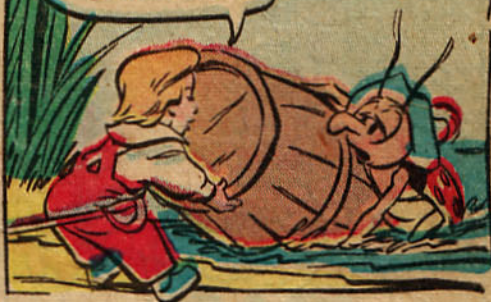
MMUCH
LATER

WHEW! MY ARMS
ARE ABOUT TO FALL
OFF, PETER! THANK
GOODNESS WE'RE
FINALLY HERE!



I NEVER REALIZED
PADDLING WAS SO
MUCH WORK!

WHY THE
COMPLAINING,
BEETLE?

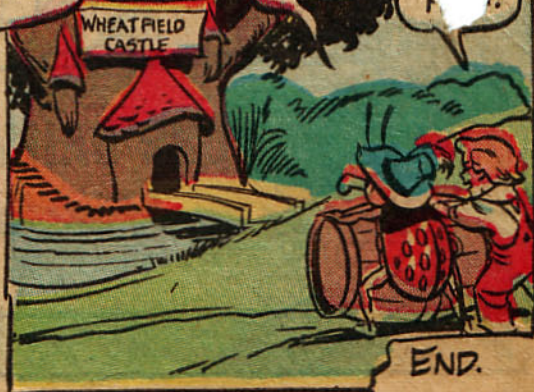


YOU SAID THIS MORNING
YOU WANTED TO GO
CANOEING ON THE LAKE!
YOU GOT YOUR WISH!

THAT
WAS
THIS
MORNING!

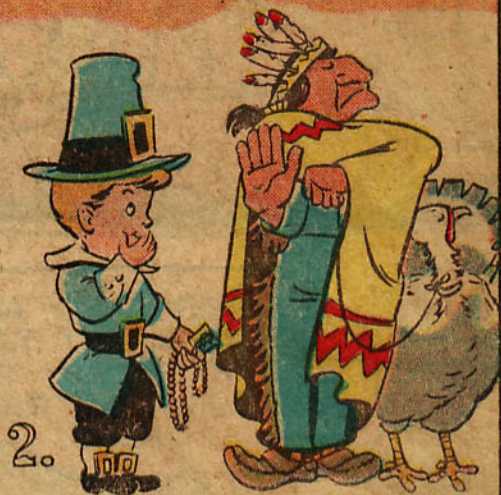
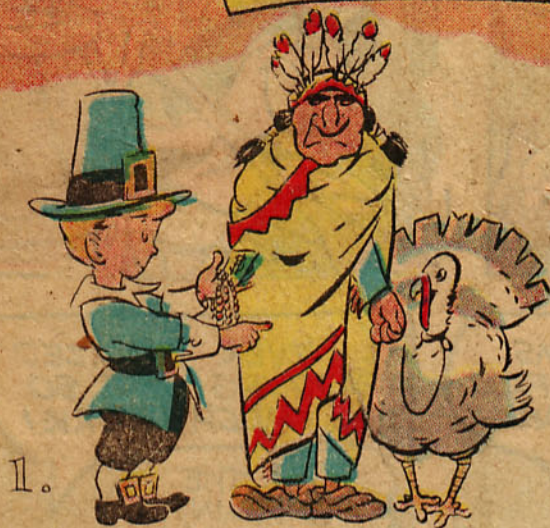


FROM NOW ON, I'M
STRICTLY A
LANDLUBBER!



END.

"Peter"



YOUR DAILY BREAD
is my bread and butter



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